

Members of London based Chinese community groups including King's Cross Neighbourhood Centre, Soho Family Centre and the Chinese National Healthy Living Centre participated in reminiscence and creative workshops to provide their interpretation of photographs of China and their reflections on life in London. A selection of poetry and writing from the groups is provided below:

### **Chinese Soldiers**

**Six Chinese soldiers in a row,  
But I don't think they're really slow.  
The General just says "go, go, go!"  
That's why they're standing in a row.**

**The soldiers have weapons, weapons  
They are really strong, strong,  
They must have lots of war, war,  
But they have no more, more.**

**They all got killed,  
But one survived in the battle of war,  
So he travelled around the world  
Until he got poor.**

Leanne  
(Soho Family Centre)

## Choices

**"If I had the chance to be a modern young woman or a woman from the old times; of course I would want to be a modern young woman. Today you can do anything you like, you can study anything you want. There were very limited choices in the old times."**

Member of the Soho Family Centre

## Reflections: Migration and city living

**"I came by boat in 1959. It took more than a month to reach Victoria; from there I headed to Liverpool. There were not many jobs back then. If you were fired in the morning, a replacement worker would be ready in the afternoon."**

Member of the Chinese National Healthy Living Centre

**"We came to settle here when our children were young. Now that they are grown up and have their own lives, we too are content with our lot."**

Member of King's Cross Neighbourhood Centre

**"My family is here and I feel more freedom here."**

Member of the Chinese National Healthy Living Centre

## London Life

**"London is home for me and always will be."**

**"London is a big place and fun to explore."**

**"London is nice because of all the technology."**

**"London is a diverse city, full of different people and faiths."**

**"London is my home, a crowded place, safe and fun."**

Young Members of the King's Cross Neighbourhood Centre